

"We have ways of finding out. Anyway, we don't look them up until after we have hired them."

O.: "You were a member of the vice commission, Mr. Rosenwald?"

R.: "Yes."

O.: "Did you attend all sessions of that commission?"

R.: "Most of them."

O.: "Did you attend any session at which low wages were connected with vice?"

R.: "No—not when any testimony was given."

O.: "Do you know that the vice commission looked into the connection between vice and low wages?"

R.: "Yes."

O.: "Did you ever hear anyone say that low wages made prostitutes?"

R.: "I don't think so; I don't remember."

O.: "Did the vice commission make any recommendation about low wages?"

R.: "I can't say."

O.: "Was the low wages problem included in the vice commission report?"

R.: "I don't know—possibly."

O.: "Did you ever see the key to the vice commission's report?"

R.: "I don't know."

O.: "Why was that key kept secret; why was it never given to the public?"

R.: "Some of the witnesses gave their testimony only under a promise that we would not make their names public."

O.: "It wasn't because of what

the report said about low wages and vice then?"

R. (laughing): "No."

O.: "What is the average wages of girls between 16 and 20 in the Sears-Roebuck plant?"

R.: "We never figured that girls 17 and over is from \$8 to \$21."

O.: "That doesn't include department heads, does it?"

R.: "No."

O.: "What is the highest salary you pay to any woman?"

R.: "Some women are paid from \$2,100 to \$3,000 a year in the Sears-Roebuck plant."

"Some get as much as \$35 a week," interjected Miller.

O.: "Did you figure any of these \$3,000 women in your average wage figures, Mr. Rosenwald?"

R.: "No."

O.: "Did you, Mr. Miller?"

Miller: "Twenty-three women who get \$27 a week were included."

O.: "Have you any wage limit at your plant?"

R.: "No."

O.: "What is the age of the oldest woman in your employ?"

Miller (answering for Rosenwald): "Some of our matrons are 50."

O.: "Can a \$5 a week girl ever hope to become one of these \$3,000 a year women you spoke of, Mr. Rosenwald?"

R.: "Possibly; we encourage them to do so."

O.: "Do you instruct your superintendent to pay women working for you a living wage?"